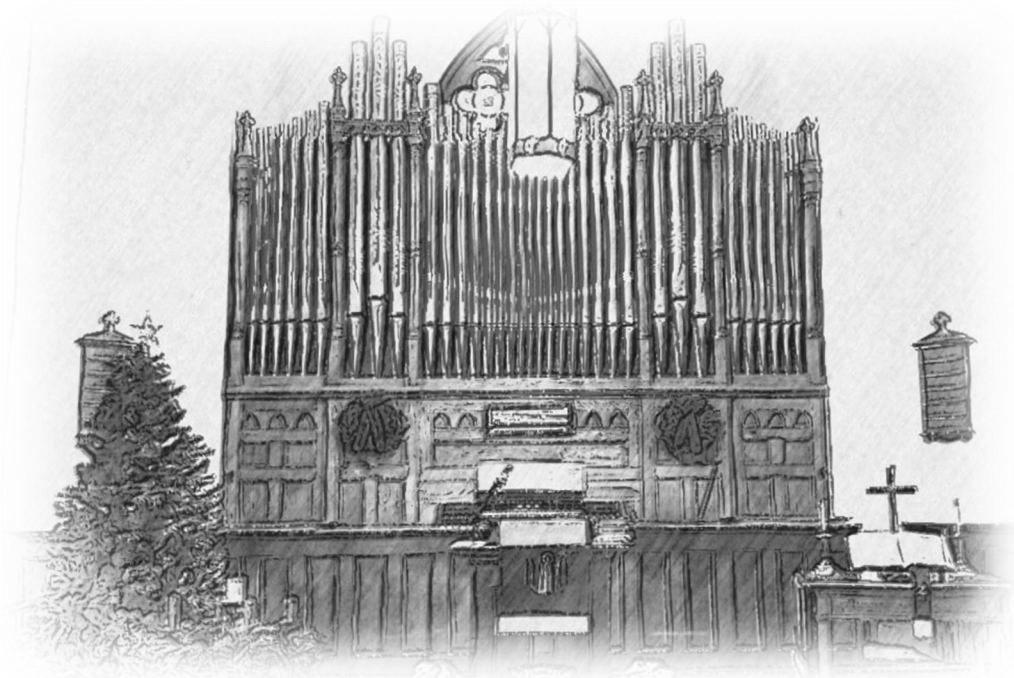


FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# Christmas All Together

CHRISTMAS MORNING || DECEMBER 25, 2022

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This service of worship is gathering in-person in the sanctuary, in-person using Google Meet, and streaming on YouTube.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHER

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In our own lives,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our neighborhoods,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our families,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our work,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our communities,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our nation,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In our world,  
    **We are seeking light.**  
In those places we silently name now,  
    **We are seeking light.**

## SONG “I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT ”

No. 206, *UMH* (1989)

### 1.

I want to walk as a child  
    of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to  
    the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

### Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day  
    are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light  
    of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

### 2.

I want to see the brightness  
    of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness,  
    shine on my path,  
and show me the way  
to the Father. [Refrain]

### 3.

I'm looking for the coming  
    of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run  
with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy  
of Jesus. [Refrain]

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SILENT PRAYER

## COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Gracious God, whose Word became flesh, we give you thanks  
for Emmanuel, the prince of peace, the hope of all nations, the  
eternal love from generation to generation, and the joy of your  
steadfast presence. Grant us the patience and fortitude to live  
into the light that knows neither absence nor end. In the name  
of Christ, our Savior, Amen.

## RESPONSE “ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY”

No. 220, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1.

Angels from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

### Refrain:

Come and worship,  
come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.

2

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:  
[Refrain]

3.

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:  
[Refrain]

4.

Saints, before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear;  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear:  
(Refrain)

**MARY AGREES TO THE IMPOSSIBLE**

**LUKE 1:26-38**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**“TELL OUT MY SOUL”**

No. 200, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**1.**

Tell out, my soul,  
the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my  
spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise  
of God's word;  
in God my Savior  
shall my heart rejoice.

**3.**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
God's might!  
Powers and dominions lay their  
glory by;  
proud hearts and stubborn wills are  
put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted  
high.

**2.**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
God's name!  
Make known God's might, who  
wondrous deeds has done;  
God's mercy sure, from age to age  
the same;  
God's holy name, the Lord, the  
mighty One.

**4.**

Tell out, my soul, the glories of  
God's word!  
Firm is the promise and God's merc-  
cy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of  
the Lord  
to children's children and forever-  
more!

**AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH**

**MATTHEW 1:18-23**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**“EMMANUEL, EMMANUEL”**

No. 204, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

**JESUS IS BORN**

**LUKE 2:1-7**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**“INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY”**

No. 229, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

2. Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.

**SHEPHERDS HEAR THE NEWS**

**LUKE 2:8-19**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CAROL**

**“THE FIRST NOEL”**

No. 245, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**1.**

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in  
fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping  
their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night  
that was so deep.

**3.**

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came  
from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it  
went. [Refrain]

**Refrain**

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

**4.**

This star drew nigh  
to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
and there it did both stop and stay,  
right over the place  
where Jesus lay. [Refrain]

**2.**

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east,  
beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued  
both day and night.  
(Refrain)

**5.**

Then entered in those  
Wise Men three,  
full reverently upon the knee,  
and offered there, in his presence,  
their gold and myrrh  
and frankincense. [Refrain]

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER**

## CLOSING

## “JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”

No. 3056, *Worship & Song* (2001)

1.

See the bright and morning star,  
Jesus the light of the world!  
He has risen in our hearts,  
Jesus the light of the world!

2.

He's the lamp that light's our way,  
Jesus the light of the world!  
Step by step and day by day—  
Jesus the light of the world!

Refrain

### Refrain

Walk in the light, beautiful light;  
come where his love and his mercy  
are bright. Shine all around us by  
day and by night, Jesus, the light of  
the world.

3.

No more darkness, no more night—  
Jesus the light of the world!  
He will shine forever bright,  
Jesus the light of the world!

Refrain

## SENDING

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## POSTLUDE

# UPCOMING EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

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## COFFEE & PRAYER W/ THE PASTOR

Join Pastor Jacob on Mondays at 10am for coffee and prayer in the chapel. This small group meets in a hybrid format. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Pastor Jacob ([jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org))

## THE PASTOR'S STUDY

Join Pastor Jacob on Wednesdays at 7pm to discuss the book, *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019). This group meets virtually ONLY. To learn more and to get joining information, contact Pastor Jacob ([jacob@franklinumc.org](mailto:jacob@franklinumc.org)).

## LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on January 28 at The Railery in Franklin at the Village Plaza. Please call or email [NancyBoates49@hotmail.com](mailto:NancyBoates49@hotmail.com), 508-654-2833 by 10 am the day before if you plan to attend.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 7pm. The Book Club will meet (virtually) on **January 10 at 7pm**. We will be reading *Mailibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

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## WELCOME TO FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

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Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you find, in our community, a place to experience meaningful relationship with God, grow in Christ, and reach out in love to others. We hope that this community has been a place where you feel welcome, acceptance, and love. If you have questions about the church, or are interested in becoming a member of the church, please feel free to contact any of the leaders listed below.

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